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a total of 750 and 70 locomotives are scheduled to be built for main and secondary railroad lines respectively between 1956 and 1960. The locomotive construction program also envisages the building of 133 Diesel locomotives rated at up to 600 HP and 35 Diesel locomotives rated at over 600 HP. It is also planned to build 10 electric locomotives, 63 rail motorcars powered by combustion engines and 30 one-quarter trains¹ for the Berlin elevated train system.

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Comment. The present report indicates that a total of 820 steam locomotives are scheduled to be built in the course of the second Five Year Plan (1956 to 1960). Previous plan figures given for the same period indicate that a total of 1273 steam locomotives were to be built. It was originally planned to build a total of 100 steam locomotives for the GDR Railroads in 1955. This figure was reduced to 50 units. All the information received indicates that these 50 locomotives will probably not be completed by the end of 1955. The experimental locomotives built so far proved to be so poor that quantity production of locomotives has not yet been started.

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1. Comment: As received, possibly four-unit trains.

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